

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF  
TAKAHASHI et al.

Cont. of Appln. No.: 09/570,652

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Title: PRISM OPTICAL ELEMENT IMAGE OBSERVATION APPARATUS, AND IMAGE  
DISPLAY

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as  
follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 1 insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/570,652, filed  
May 12, 2000, which was a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 08/867,779, filed  
June 3, 1997, (now abandoned), the specifications of which are incorporated by reference for  
all purposes.

Page 1, line 6, replace the first two paragraphs with the following:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a prism optical element, an image observation  
apparatus and an image display apparatus. More particularly, the present invention relates to